



Adapted from TxDOT County Maps of Texas, Denton, Texas. 1998.

**Figure 12. Map Location of Elm Fork of the Trinity River (Denton County)**



**Figure 13. Elm Fork of the Trinity River north of FM 428**

### **Elm Fork of the Trinity River (Denton County)**

The Elm Fork of the Trinity River begins one mile northwest of Saint Jo in eastern Montague County and flows southeasterly about 85 miles to its junction with the West Fork of the Trinity River, where it forms the Trinity River about five miles northwest of Dallas (TPWD, 1998).

This section of the Elm Fork meanders through heavily wooded areas of the Eastern Cross Timbers region of Texas from Lake Ray Roberts to Lake Lewisville. Along the banks of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River between the two reservoirs is a unique 10-mile multi-use trail system called the Greenbelt Corridor. The Greenbelt Corridor provides access to the Elm Fork at three trailheads for equestrians, hikers, bikers, canoeists, anglers, and other outdoor enthusiasts (TPWD, 2000). A partial plant list from Lake Ray Roberts State Park includes sumac holly, prickly pear, rough leaf dogwood, eastern red cedar, persimmon, black hickory, black walnut, red bud, honey mesquite, eastern cottonwood, black willow, and numerous oak and elm species. Mammals found in the area include opossum, cave bat, nutria, plains pocket gopher, eastern flying squirrel, California jackrabbit, eastern cottontail, white-tail deer, mink, spotted skunk, red fox, coyote, and bobcat. Numerous reptiles and amphibians have also been found in the area, including various snakes, such as copperhead, cottonmouth, bullsnake, and diamondback rattlesnake (TPWD, 2000). The candidate segment is from a point 110 yards upstream of U.S. 380 in Denton County upstream to Ray Roberts Dam in Denton County (TNRCC stream segment 0839).

- (1) Riparian Conservation Area- fringed by the Lake Ray Roberts/Lake Lewisville Greenbelt Corridor.
- (2) High Water Quality/Exceptional Aquatic Life/High Aesthetic Value- high (as opposed to exceptional) aquatic life use (TNRCC, 1995).